

# Waste Plan - what's the big idea?

Whanganui District Council is asking for community feedback on the draft Waste Plan 2021, which proposes kerbside collections for both recycling and food waste for urban households. This information on several aspects of the plan is provided to help in your decision-making submissions close at 5.00pm on Monday, 4 October 2021. Have your say at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say or email: policysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz

#### **Kerbside recycling collection**

Why do we need kerbside recycling? Don't people just take their recycling to the Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre? Some people take their recycling to the Resource Recovery Centre but for others it's too

difficult to get there. Kerbside



recycling would give everyone in Whanganui's urban area easy access to recycling services.

Would the proposed kerbside recycling take all products? Yes, the kerbside recycling service would take everything that currently can be posted into the slots at the front of the Resource Recovery Centre. This includes plastics 1, 2 and 5, glass, paper and cardboard and tins and cans.

#### What's the point of recycling - doesn't our recycling end up at the landfill anyway?

One hundred percent of uncontaminated recycling dropped at the Resource Recovery Centre is recycled. If a kerbside recycling service was introduced, all uncontaminated items would be recycled.

#### How would the service work and what's the cost?

Recycling would be collected weekly - glass one week and other recyclables - paper, cardboard, plastics, tins and cans - the following week. The service would start in 2023. The rates cost for a kerbside recycling service would be about \$1.35 extra per household per week.

What would happen to the Resource Recovery Centre? The centre would still operate to collect recycling from rural households and items that can't be collected kerbside.

# Glass art design time with **New Zealand Glassworks**

New Zealand Glassworks is celebrating its fifth birthday with a glass design competition. Winning designs in two categories - 12 years of age and under, and 13 years and over - will be made into glass by the skilled team of artists at New Zealand Glassworks. To enter the competition, drop or post your glass design drawing into New Zealand Glassworks at 2 Rutland Street or email it to: info@nzglassworks.com

Entries close at 4.00pm on Friday, 24 September 2021. The winning designs in each category will be made into glass at New Zealand Glassworks the next day - Saturday, 25 September. More information at: www.nzglassworks.com



#### What's the bigger picture?

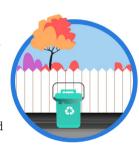
The vision in our draft waste plan is to work towards becoming a "low-waste district" that sends as little as possible to landfill. By introducing kerbside recycling, our community could divert an estimated extra 800 tonnes of recyclables from landfill each year.

#### What about rural households?

The proposed kerbside services are for urban households only because the cost of extending them to rural households would be prohibitive. However, the Resource Recovery Centre would collect recycling from rural households. Recycling stations would be trialled in two

#### **Kerbside food waste collection**

Why do we need a food waste collection - can't people just home compost their food scraps? Some people do have compost bins at home. They'd find the proposed service useful as well because it would take all food waste including items like cooked food, dairy, meat and fish that can't go into a home compost.



But doesn't food waste just rot away in the landfill? In a landfill, food waste decomposes without oxygen. This produces greenhouse gases, contributing to climate change.

#### How would the service work and what's the cost?

Each household would be given a small, closed container for food waste, starting in 2024. A commercial operator would process the collected food waste into compost. The rates cost for a food waste collection would be about 76 cents extra per household per week.

#### I feed all my food scraps to animals - what's the point of a food waste service?

It's about how our whole community can minimise the amount we send to landfill. With the new service, our district could divert an estimated 1700 tonnes of food waste from landfill each year.



## Daylight saving time

**Clocks go forward 1 hour this Sunday** 





Daylight saving time begins this Sunday. 26 September 2021 at 2.00am. Make sure to put your clocks FORWARD ONE HOUR on Saturday night before bedtime.

## **Alcohol bylaw review**

#### **Submissions close Friday, 1 October**

Whanganui District Council is seeking community feedback on a review of its Alcohol Control Bylaw 2016. The council is proposing to retain the existing permanent alcohol ban areas and introduce the ability to have temporary alcohol bans for events.

For all consultation information and to make an online submission, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/have-your-say You can also email your thoughts to: policysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz Submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday, 1 October 2021.

#### 2021 Public Art Fund

#### **Applications open until 29 October**

Whanganui District Council's 2021 Public Art Fund is an annual contestable fund that supports a wide range of public artworks including digital art, temporary performance, toi Māori, interactive art, sculpture, pou whenua, moving image, land art, mural art and much more. Funding applications close at 12 noon on Friday, 29 October 2021.

For more information about all councilrelated funding opportunities, please visit: www.whanganui.govt.nz/funding

## **Council meetings**

#### **Cancelled meeting**

Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management

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Committee

Wednesday 22 September

Council Chamber. 101 Guyton Street

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• Please note this meeting has been cancelled due to lack of business

#### **Upcoming meetings**

4.00pm Committee Monday Chamber, 27 September 101 Guyton Street 1.00pm Property and Council Tuesday Community Chamber. 101 Guyton Services 28 September Committee Street Policy 10.00am Council and Bylaw Chamber, Wednesday

 Hearings and deliberation for proposed freedom camping bylaw

29 September

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